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Crazy for Corduroy
The 70th run of the Corduro Enduro was held in Gooderham from Sept. 19 to 22. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

Health board joins campaign for guaranteed livable income

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

It's said that money can't buy happiness, but having enough in the basic sense can stave off many social ailments.

Having even just enough is something most people don't have. But the learned, informed crowd at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit is getting behind an effort to lobby for a guaranteed basic income for everybody.

A lofty idea in these economically violent times, but it's an idea based in a realizing income-based solutions to a wide variety of problems that affect public health such as food insecurity.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for the public health unit, suggested when the board met Sept. 19 that they put their support behind an effort to sway the federal government to establish basic income for Canadians.

Cecil Ryall, the representative for Haliburton County, wondered if the support from municipalities under the umbrella of the

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Minden Youth Curling Club searches for volunteers

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Haliburton County has a reputation for providing the world with excellent curlers. Jake Walker, Jessica Byers, Jacob Dobson, Liam Little, are some of the names of the extensive list could go on and on. Many, if not all of the curlers that have represented our county have learned the skills through youth curling programs.

"The young curlers learn the game that they can play for the rest of their lives," says Lynda Litwin. "The curlers are very supportive of each other as they learn the game."

Run entirely by adult volunteers, young participants are very encouraged on and off the ice. The purpose of the Youth Curling Club run through the Minden Curling Club is to allow youth to develop curling technique, learn proper game knowledge and to have fun. Sign up to join the Youth Curling Club has begun. The Minden Youth Curling Programs run from Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 to Thursday, March 6, 2025 following the public school calendar for Christmas break.

"We start off the season with skills building and educating the youth on how to play the game," said Litwin. "In the second half the youth are rotated through different teams and try out different positions based on their experience and skill level. A typical Thursday afternoon has the children arriving after school to a healthy snack and some down time. By 4:00 p.m. they have stretched and are on the ice. Parents come into the club to pick up their curler at 5:15 p.m." The Minden Curling Club says that the curler should arrive at the club in warm stretchable clothing, hat, mitts, clean running shoes and a helmet. The Minden Curling Club provides brooms, grippers and sliders.

The cost of the program is $70 for the season which includes the cost of providing a snack. Typically, during the second half of the season there are usually bonspiel opportunities either in house or at neighbouring curling clubs. There is funding raising done in the youth league to offset the expenses of the hoodies for the youth program.

The registration form for the Youth Program can be found on the Minden Curling Club website at www.mindencurlingclub.com. If you have any questions please contact Lynda Litwin at lynda@lyndalitwin.ca or call 705-457-8511.

Minden Curling Club offers their Youth Curling program to kids aged eight to seventeen. The program begins on Nov. 7 and goes to Dec. 19 before a break and then runs Jan. 9 to Mar. 6. The club meets on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and a snack will be provided. /Submitted

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. PLSRA2023043: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1632 Twelve Mile Lake Road located within Part Lot 8, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden; and

2. File No. PLSRA2024021: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1031 Lily Pad Lane located within Part Lot 10 & 42, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than October 18, 2024.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

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AH eyes grant money for recreation projects

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is looking into dipping into two streams of provincial money for recreational initiatives.

The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund was announced by the provincial government in April. It provides money to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and both profit and non-profit groups.

The money serves projects within two streams. The fund is used to upgrade existing sport and recreational facilities and to construct new sport facilities.

The fund is a cost-shared initiative with up to 90 per cent to Indigenous groups and up to 50 per cent to municipalities, local service boards, and non-profit groups.

Municipalities can make one application under each stream.

Chris Card, the township's recreation and trails manager, said Algonquin Highlands is in a position to avail of up to 70 per cent of projected costs for non-profit groups, local service boards and municipalities of less than 20,000 people.

"The criteria and the goal is to improve existing facilities as well as increase access to sport," he said.

In the repair and rehabilitation stream, applicants can get between $150,000 and $1 million. And the work has to be done inside of two years.

The fund to cover construction of new facilities has up to $10 million in the kitty. They have to be done by March 31, 2027.

Card presented two options for township council to consider when it met Sept. 19.

For money under the first funding stream for repair and rehabilitation of an existing facility, Card suggested the municipality apply for money to cover the addition of air conditioning and more efficient heating at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

That project could cost as much as $200,000.

The centre's upgraded ventilation system meets provincially mandated requirements of circulating fresh outdoor air throughout the building in order to provide protection against the COVID-19 virus.

It circulates outdoor air into the building. But that creates hot temperatures inside the building during hot and humid days. An air conditioning system would address heat and condensation concerns while addressing a provincially identified need of publicly available cooling centres.

Existing baseboard heaters can be replaced with a more efficient and cost effective heating source for the entire building.

Under the program's second funding stream, which covers new builds, Card suggested the township apply to establish a dedicated outdoor pickleball court at the Stanhope Courts.

The township has painted court lines on the Stanhope multipurpose court where four courts are used daily by dozens of users throughout the good weather season. No dedicated outdoor courts exist within the county.

"The multipurpose court was never intended for pickleball as the sport did not exist when it was created," Card wrote in a report to council.

Its main purpose was to be a basketball court with an overflow tennis court for tournaments. It can also accommodate unstructured uses such as ball hockey.

"There is sufficient user demand to justify a dedicated pickleball court and it is anticipated that it would receive daily use from numerous users," Card said.

The Dorset Recreation Centre has an indoor court within that area of the township as well as the future identified potential of a multipurpose court facility in conjunction with the Dorset Ice Palace.

Mayor Liz Danielsen asked if submitting two applications would limit the township's chances for success at getting any money.

Card said, based on information provided to staff, there's indication that a municipality or group can apply to fund two projects in two streams and one won't influence the other.

"I really do like the idea of us finally completing the work that we had originally hoped to do at the rec centre," Danielsen said. "It was evident when we had our opening day that air conditioning would have been nice."

Golf tournament raises $60,000 for Abbey Gardens

Abbey Gardens is a charitable organization created with a mission to transform a spent gravel pit into a green space dedicated to developing economic, ecological, educational, and recreational growth within our community. "One of the ways our organization meets this mission is through the education programs we offer, and the over $60,000 in funds raised by this year's golf tournament will go a long way towards ensuring we can continue to get kids hooked on nature" states Angela Kruger, Executive Director of Abbey Gardens, "We are grateful for all the hard work Janis Parker, our board of directors, volunteers, and staff put into the planning and execution of this golf tournament. We also want to thank our sponsors, and players for their support. As a charity, we depend on donations not only to help us offer our programs but to also continue to offer access to our greenspace at no charge to our local and visiting community members."

Submitted by Angela Kruger, Executive Director of Abbey Gardens.

Support from municpalities needed for basic income program

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public health unit would add weight to the campaign.

"Absolutely," Bocking said. "I think the more letters of support that things like this get from a variety of different partners and organizations, the better."

If that's going to happen, Ryall said, the board needs to reach out to the municipal and county councils to have the topic added to meeting agendas.

The campaign supports the proposed National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income Act.

Sponsored in December 2021 by Senator Kim Pate, Bill S-233 in the Senate and Bill C-223 in the House of Commons, requires the minister of Finance to develop a national framework to provide a guaranteed livable basic income to Canadians older than 17 years old.

The proposed legislation, which had its second reading in Parliament in April 2023, calls on government to "determine what constitutes a livable basic income for each region in Canada, taking into account the goods and services that are necessary to ensure that individuals can lead a dignified and healthy life, as well as the cost of those goods and services in accessible markets."

It calls for the creation of national standards for health and social supports that complement a guaranteed basic income program.

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DROP-IN RECREATION
Come in and enjoy a variety of drop-in recreation programs offered at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena including NEW drop-in fitness class offerings. Take a look at the schedule online at https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/things-to-do/recreation-programs.aspx or pick up a schedule at the arena.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE
- World-renowned local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward with their exhibit *Burner Herzog* is on display at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery until November 23. Admission by donation.
- To recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library are offering a free screening on September 26 of Inconvenient Indian, a documentary based on the book of the same name by Thomas King. Showings are at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. No pre-registration is required.
- The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm until October 12. Join us for Wildlife Crafts on Thursdays from 3-4 pm, Toddler Discovery Zone on Fridays from 11 am – noon and Hands-On Saturdays from 10 am – noon. Self-guided tours of the Heritage Village are available daily. Admission is by donation.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL OFFICE & FACILITIES CLOSED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
The Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (7 Milne St.), the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena & Complex (55 Parkside St.) and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (176 Bobcaygeon Rd.) will be closed on Monday, September 30, 2024, for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Our offices and facilities will resume regular hours on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

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A reminder that winter hours start at our Waste Disposal Sites October 1. Please refer to your waste disposal card for a full list of hours, including holiday hours. Information is also available on our website.

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Visit www.MindenHills.ca, Bid Opportunities or Contact Sherry Mulholland, Deputy Treasurer for more information.
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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON
Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:
- **September 26 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **October 10 – Regular Council Meeting**

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Visit our website for more information.

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Open house welcomes all

Families and friends alike came out to Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Tuesday Sept. 17. Participants were treated to a barbecue, corn, and a celebration of everything Archie Stouffer. /TIM Yano Special to the *Times*

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Baseball fun

The Minden Mixed Baseball League held their annual league ball tournament over this past weekend. The league is comprised of over 200 people, that are assigned to 13 different teams over the season. The league is a community effort, with local restaurant Mulligan's Pub and Patio supplying the food for the tournament, and a wealth of volunteers and supporter that assist in making the league run smoothly. The league will be back up and running in May of next year. /Submitted

Prost! says Boshkung Brewing

Boshkung Brewing celebrated their fourth annual Oktoberfest on Sept. 21 at the brewery location in Minden. Despite rainy weather, Boshkung co-owner Mathew Renda was pleased with the day, and shared that he looks forward to upcoming events at the brewery. /Submitted

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Truth and Reconciliation

NEXT MONDAY, SEPT. 30 is Orange Shirt Day, or the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Orange shirts were chosen based on the accounts of Phyllis Jack Webstad, a survivor of a residential school, whose clothing, which included an orage shirt, were taken from her by a residential school and never returned.

To this day, the discussion of Indigenous lands and reconciliation is met with scrutiny and hostility. I have overheard conversations from others saying that they don't want Indigenous People taking the land back. In rural parts of southern Ontario, it seems that the discussion of reconciliation is taboo. Farmers will not talk to me about the origin of their land. All they know is that their great grandparents owned the land, their grandparents owned it, and now they own it. They won't even entertain the conversation of acknowledging that many Canadians today are the offspring of foreigners to this land. When digging up farmland, there is an unspoken rule of 'don't ask, don't tell' for anything you find in the dirt, in your forests, and in your nearby waters.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

I have heard rumors of arrowheads and carved bowls being reburied, thrown away, or hidden away to hide evidence of the earliest inhabitors of the land.

Haliburton County is situated on the Anishinaabe lands that are covered by Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, often referred to as the Williams Treaties First Nations. The "Dish with One Spoon" wampum agreement between the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples share and safeguard this land.

Underwater cairns made thousands of years ago have been found in lakes in Haliburton County. In 2018, David Andrew Beaucage Johnson presented his research done with the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research to discuss the history of Indigenous habitation and use of the land of Gidaaki. Gidaa meaning upwards and ki meaning hi. This is the original name for what we now refer to as the Highlands. As Indigenous Peoples used trees and stones and other natural materials as markers and had little impact on the land, archaeologist have found it difficult to find evidence of Indigenous settlements in Haliburton, but that does not mean nonexistent.

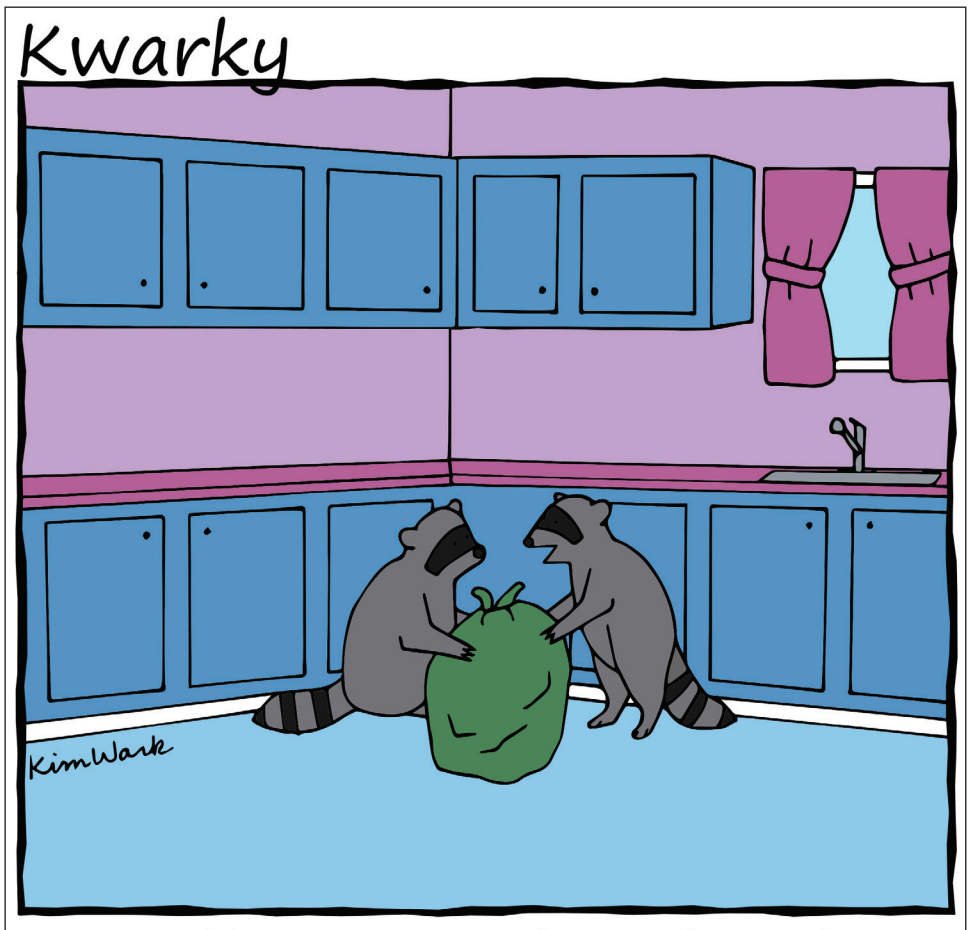
Indigenous life and fluorishing in Haliburton County is not something that only dates back thousands of years. In the 1830's, maps of the Coldwater Reserve. Originally established for the Chippewas of Lake Simcoe and Huron, it was 'surrendered' by the Chippewas for sale by the Crown. A claim by four First Nations including the Mnjikaning, Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Chippewas of Nawash considered the 1836 surrender of the land invalid.

It was only in 2011 that the Government of Canada and these First Nations reached a settlement.

Maps of the Coldwater Reserve clearly show the land stretching as far as Haliburton.

Residential schools are not something that only existed in the prairies. Residential schools in Ontario included Wawanosh School, Shingwauk School, Fort France, Fort William, St. Mary's Cecial Jeffrey, Bishop Horden Hall, Chapleau, Cristal Lake High School, McIntosh, Mohawk Institute, Mount Elgin, Pelican Lake, Spanish Girls School, St. Anne's, Stirland Lake High School.

I will never be able to fully understand the atrocities that Indigenous Peoples faced through colonization.Our Country is founded on the erasing of Indigenous history, culture, and removing their stewardship of the land. There is a lot of work needed to reconcile our past.



"No, it's my turn to take out the trash!"

Going cone-free

I HAPPEN TO have a very good bird dog. The only thing stopping her from being great is that she is accident prone.

In each of the four hunting seasons Rosie has participated in, she has been side-lined early or mid-way through due to injuries. She's sort of like that high-priced athlete that your team hoped would take them to the playoffs.

Rosie is, in fact, a high-priced athlete. I love that dog and she loves me – thereby proving opposites attract.

But sadly, she has just two speeds in the field – full and stop. And the latter only occurs when she hits an immovable object.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

Full speed is great, but it can be problematic when you are surrounded by sharp and pointy things – which is where those inconsiderate birds we hunt tend to be.

In her first season Rosie ran into several birds, but she also ran into an old, barbed wire roll buried in the tall grass. Her second season looked promising until she leapt straight into an old sharp stick and cut her chest. In her third, she took another slice to her undercarriage, I'm still not sure how. And last year, she ran over a pile of broken glass in the middle of the woods that some morons decided to create.

In each case, Rosie required a visit to the vet, stitches, and the prolonged use of a dog embarrassment tool, otherwise known as a cone. Worse still, for her and me, these injuries drastically reduced her hunting seasons. Actually, I think that's what hurt her the most.

The good news is that this year, I reduced the odds of injury by purchasing protective gear for her. A hunter orange protective vest should deter punctures on her body. Her dog boots should hopefully prevent punctures or cuts on her feet. I also looked for a shield and helmet, but apparently, they don't make those for dogs.

I expect these things will minimize her injuries in the field. But at the very least, it will give me a chance to get closer to the grouse, woodcock or hares she is about to flush, because, when they see the way she approaches them in those rubber boots, I'm sure they'll be laughing too hard to move.

Rosie doesn't exactly seem thrilled with the idea of wearing all this speed inhibiting gear. But, with any luck at all, she'll appreciate hunting the whole season and a cone-free year.

To reiterate the serious nature of all this, I also set up a whiteboard in the basement that will count "Hunting days without an accident" just to drive home the point to Rosie that safety is everyone's responsibility.

Will it work? Only time will tell.

If it doesn't, I'll be investigating plastic bubbles for dogs.

That's really about all you can do to protect your hunting dog.

Some of my hunting buddies, say I am worrying too much about it this season. They say Rosie has just had a streak of bad luck.

That could be true. Perhaps she has just had an unfortunate start to a very good career. Maybe we will laugh about this in years to come.

I like that sentiment. I really do want to put it all behind us and laugh about it. Just not so much that it keeps us in stitches.

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Oh Canada?

FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

How do you create a community? By doing something together. Singing, for example.

And what do we most frequently sing together? A national anthem. Which, David Pate says in his recently-published book, *The Worst Songs in the World; The Terrible Truth about National Anthems*, are 'designed to bind a tribe.' But, as he excavates in detail, they are often rife with militarism, sexism and religion that sharply divides the sheep from the goats, the included from the excluded. They serve a purpose when they motivate men to march to their death for love of kind and country, or a sports team to win the everyday facsimiles of war that support billions of dollars of commerce. But are they what is wanted and needed if we aspire to a kinder, gentler, more inclusive world?

Probably not.

Pate holds that human community inevitably includes music, that no gathering takes place without a soundtrack, that owning our musical taste is telling the world something important about who we are – our generation, our lineage, our politics, our personality. And that is why national anthems are something of a political third rail, best left snoozing in the corner rather than dragged out for prolonged and probably hysterical debate about what the persona of our shared country is.

Especially the lyrics. Because music can be rendered in a multitude of ways that significantly change the message. Pate, in one of hundreds of fascinating factoidal tidbits that you didn't know would enrich your understanding of the world, tells the story of José Feliciano playing "The Star Spangled Banner" like a folk ballad, which seemed like treason to a sector of the population who strongly aligned with the usual militaristic interpretation. Or Jimmy Hendrix, at Woodstock, who played the American anthem with a militarism that indicted the Vietnam War.

But the lyrics – which most of us mumble through with little thought, or maybe even mouth mutely – are harder to manipulate. And while the most common excuse for leaving them as they are and forgiving their political incorrectness is that they're old and venerable is almost certainly not true. They are in most cases a quite recent acquisition, in large part to keep up with the Joneses, specifically to prepare for athletes to take the podium at the Olympics. Pate says, "National anthems are the neckties of a nation's symbols – no one really knows what they are for or why they became important, but if you don't have one, then you won't be allowed into polite society."

In 2010 Canadian Senator Nancy Ruth succeeded in having a vague intention to reconsider the gendered phrasing in "Oh Canada" actually included in Governor General Michaëlle Jean's throne speech (you wonder if there was a bit of scheming afoot there…). It took Prime Minister Steven Harper two days to report "We offered to hear from Canadians on this issue and they have already spoken loud and clear. They overwhelmingly do not wish to open the issue. The Government will not proceed any further to change our national anthem."

Of course this is not what happened. The women persevered – the change they wanted was two words: for 'in all our sons command' to be changed to 'in all of us command'. The women commenced a 'sing it the new way anyway' grassroots movement which kept a focus on the issue. Liberal backbencher Mauril Bélanger brought in a private member's bill in 2014 which was defeated by the Harper government. But the Trudeau government finally negotiated the change in 2018, missing Canada's 150th birthday by a year, and too late for Bélanger, who died of ALS in 2016.

The conniptions that people went through to block this momentous change of two words in our anthem are hilarious and pathetic. I'll share more details at a launch of David Pate's book that will take place at the Dominion Hotel at 5 pm on Oct. 10th, co-sponsored by the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highland and the University of King's College MFA program in Creative Non-Fiction. David was my colleague in the MFA cohort that graduated in May 2023; he was the first among our tight-knit group of aspiring writers to sell his manuscript, the first to survive the throes of getting the book sold to a publisher and through the jigs and reels required to prepare it for the press. And then he died, early and unexpectedly. So a cadre of colleagues from coast to coast is helping to introduce his book into the world as it deserves by creating launch events: the Minden event is one of these.

National Anthems: why should you care? You needn't, but you will if you read even the footnotes of this delightfully written excavation of a topic you didn't know was fascinating.

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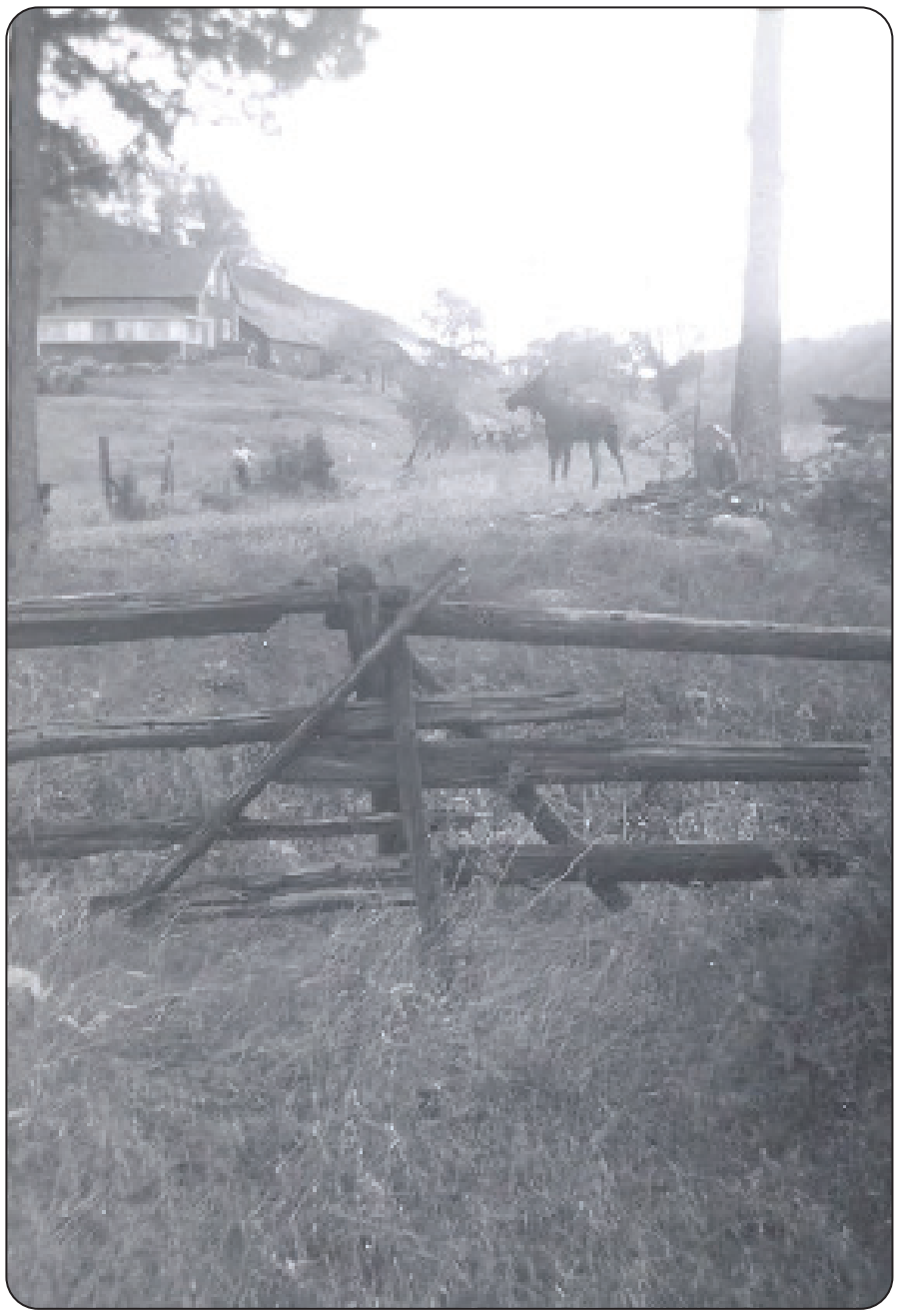

A photo of an unexpected visitor, a moose, comes to the Bowron homestead, circa 1955. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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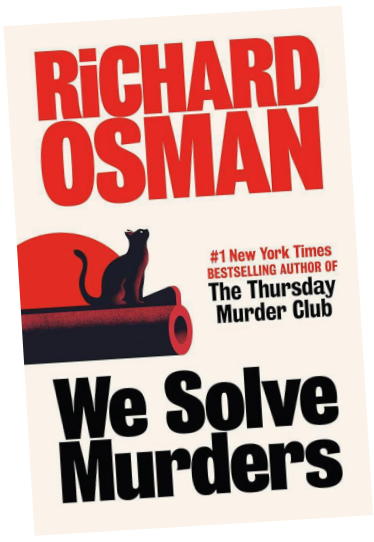

Steve Wheeler is enjoying retired life. He does the odd bit of investigation work, but he prefers his familiar habits and routines: the pub quiz, his favorite bench, his cat waiting for him when he comes home.

Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. As a private security officer, she doesn't stay still long enough for habits or routines. She's currently on a remote island keeping world-famous author Rosie D'Antonio alive. Which was meant to be an easy job...

Then a dead body, a bag of money, and a killer with their sights on Amy have her sending an SOS to the only person she trusts. A breakneck race around the world begins, but can Amy and Steve stay one step ahead of a lethal enemy?

We Solve Murders by Richard Osman is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Racing to the finish line

Dubbed 'Canada's Toughest Race,' this year was the 70th running of the Corduroy Enduro. The Corduroy Enduro, based in Gooderham is a dirty, muddy race across Haliburton County's rugged terrain. This year's course included river crossings, MX tests, Encuro Cross tests, and an ISDE style bike impound to ban working on bikes between days 1 and 2. /Tim Yano, Special to the *Times*

AH bridges maintain firm footing, say engineers

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands' bridges are in good overall condition.

That assessment was determined by the most recent inspections of the municipality's five bridges and one large culvert.

Adam Thorn, the township's public works manager, said it was the third round of inspections carried out every other year.

Provincial standards for bridges dictate that the structural integrity, safety, and condition of a municipality's inventory of bridges be assessed by a qualified engineer every second year.

Keystone Engineering and Design carried out inspections and commented on service condition and replacement costs of the structures.

The Bear Lake Road Bridge was determined to be in good serviceable condition. Some decay was found in the abutment crib in its southwest corner that will require partial replacement of timbers in the near future. It could cost $1.7 million to replace the span.

Buckslide Dam Bridge should be considered two structures as the new bridge spans the old structure and is in good condition. The original structure carries the water from the dam overflow as a concrete culvert.

Engineers found that the condition of the culvert structure appeared good. The construction date was changed from 1950 to 2009 to reflect the condition of the new bridge. Replacement cost was pegged at $1.3 million.

St. Peter's Bridge is in good condition. The main concern is missing drainage tubes at the bridge corners. Current damage is minimal, but extensions should be replaced to prevent further damage to the girder ends and bearing seats. It's replacement cost could be as much as $3.3 million.

Airport Road Bridge is in overall very good condition and doesn't require any rehabilitation work. But maintenance work could include replacing joint seals. That span could have a replacement cost of $3.4 million.

Engineers assessed the Dawson Road Culvert to be in good condition and to have a replacement cost of $636,000.

"Overall, all the bridges are in good condition," Thorn said, and added that there are some small things to keep an eye on over the next few years.

"We'll continue monitoring that. It looks like we have quite a few years left in our bridges."

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux asked if a bridge's stated replacement value reflects the costs of the bridge as it's currently constructed.

She said the cost to replace the Bear Lake Road bridge is inked at $1.7 million.

"Wow," she said.

But, from a layperson's perspective, it seems to be an oversized bridge.

"There is a lot of bridge there," Dailloux said. "And I don't know if beyond the logging trucks that go through once every number of years whether we would ever really need that hefty of a bridge in that location."

"This would be the replacement of like for like," Thorn said.

But the cost to replace such infrastructure would be assessed based on needs at the particular time replacement is required, he said. Such need might call for the structure to be either upsized or downsized.

Developer, township agree to change in road

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Work on a Kennisis River subdivision in Algonquin Highlands is about to kick into high gear.

Greg Bishop of Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. and the township formalized a change to the plan during the Sept. 19 township council meeting.

Other than some minor clerical amendments, the main reason for updating the agreement is due to a change in the location of an entrance on Big Hawk Lake Road. The road's diversion was also discussed at a July council meeting.

The road itself has moved to another section of municipal land and the change affects a portion of land that will be deeded back to the township.

The change in the intersection with the subdivision road, Hawk Valley Road, and the county road requires the deeding of a portion of other lands owned by Bishop's company to the municipality.

It's part of an effort by Bishop to finalize conditions for a draft approval for the subdivision along Kennisis River north of Halls Lake. It will be comprised of 17 residential lots and a municipal road.

The most recent chore is the necessity to move the existing subdivision access with the county road westerly towards a single lane bridge that crosses the river.

The construction of the new entrance is nearing completion.

"Nothing else in the agreement has changed," Bishop said.

He said they're aiming to be on the market in the coming weeks.

"And hopefully see some activity in the spring with builds and so on," Bishop said.

"It is really exciting to see the lots finally going onto the market," Mayor Liz Danielsen said. "Hopefully there'll be lots of interest in them."

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Where: Fellowship Room of Haliburton United Church
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When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
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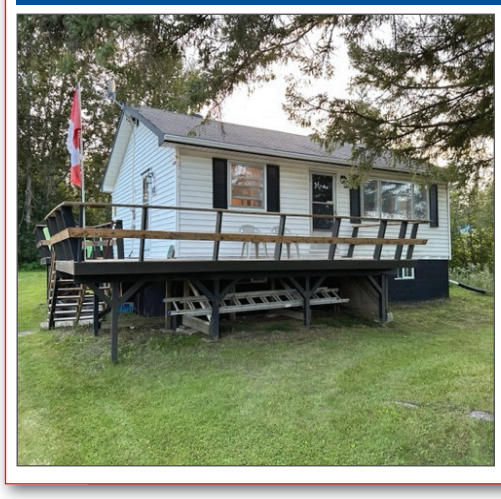

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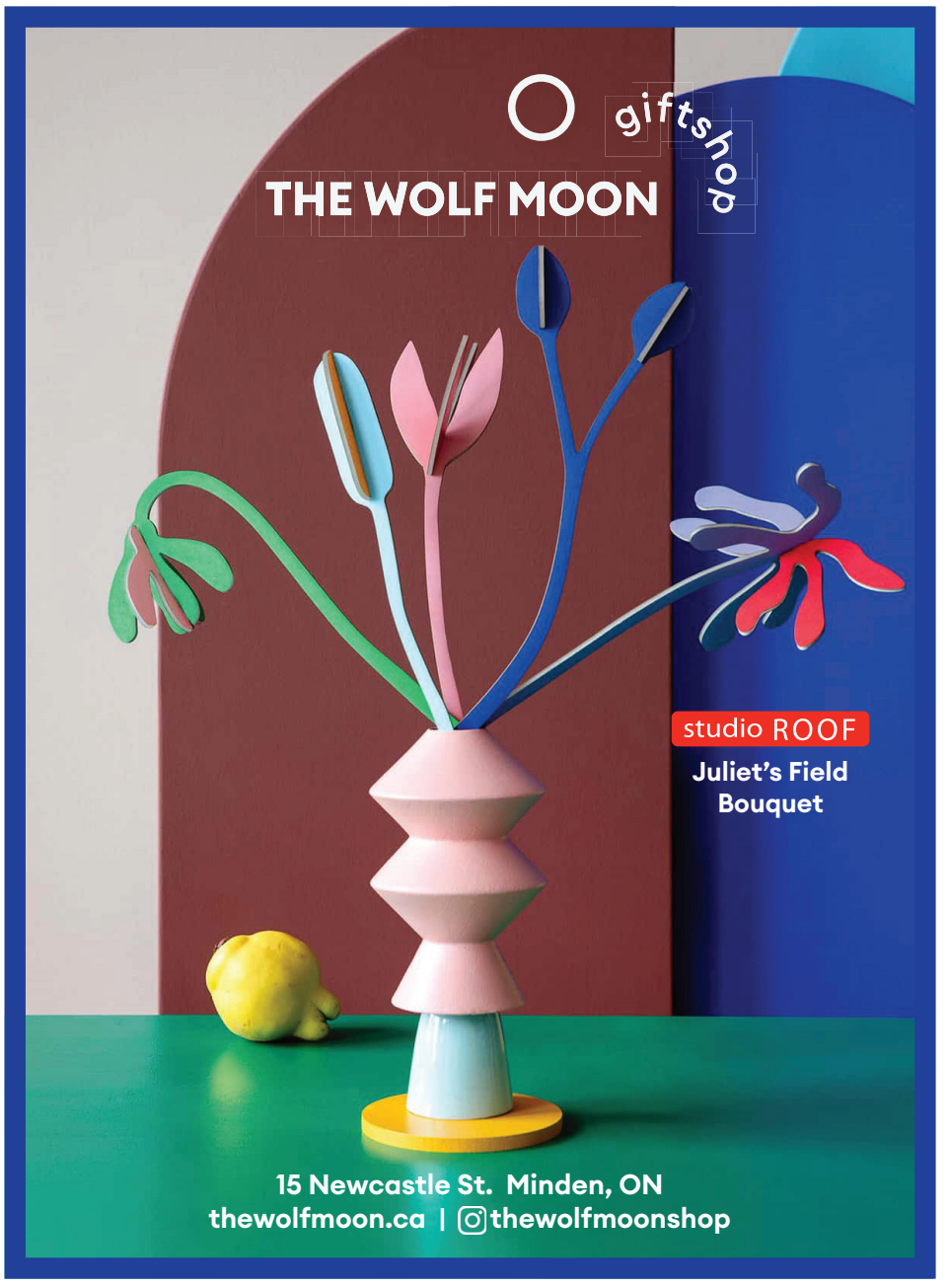
Huskies tear Tigers asunder

The Haliburton Huskies defeated the Aurora Tigers 5-2 on Saturday, Sept. 21. Haliburton took off with a three point lead in the second period and despite Aurora's efforts, were unable to defeat our Huskies. /Tim Yano, Special to the *Times*



Kennisis Cottagers Boost 'Here for You Campaign' with new matching challenge

To continue the momentum from the previous matching gifts, the record-breaking Health Radiothon, and to raise the necessary funds for urgently needed new x-ray equipment for HHHS, Kennisis cottagers Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl are offering to match all gifts up to $500,000 made in the coming weeks to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign.

"Haliburton has a very special place in our hearts for our family. Our kids grew up on Kennisis Lake and now our grandchildren are enjoying the same privilege. That's why we are challenging all lakefront property owners as well as those in the towns and villages to make a contribution to the Here for You Diagnostic Imaging Campaign. We will match all gifts from today until the end of October up to $500,000," said Tutssel.

"Let's show Haliburton County how thankful we are for everything it has to offer. We know that many people have already been very generous in supporting the campaign. But there are still a large number that have the capacity to give but have not yet done so. We are encouraging them to do so by Thanksgiving to help bring this campaign home," she said.

"We reside in the Kitchener Waterloo area where resources are relatively abundant to support local needs but the need in Haliburton County is great and resources are far more limited. We are making this contribution here because we know that in Haliburton, it will make a real difference," Tutssel added.

Campaign Cabinet Member, Peter Henry welcomed Christine & Rob's challenge matching gift. "Several people who own properties in Haliburton but are not here full-time have asked me why they should support HHHS. For us, it's simple: Most of us have made a trip to the HHHS Emergency Department for ourselves, our family or our visitors at one time or another. We count on HHHS being there when we need it, and we want to make sure that it has the tools it needs to serve us well."

"This matching gift is very, very generous and we hope that it will encourage many to give, and even to give again. For those people who support their local hospitals at their main residences, we ask you to consider also contributing to this campaign to get the basic diagnostic imaging resources in place in the Highlands," he added.

With the extraordinary support of the community during the MooseFM Health Radiothon presented by Minden Subaru, the generous matching donations from Scott & Chere Campbell and Richard Muir are now exhausted.

> ***"Let's show Haliburton County how thankful we are for everything it has to offer. We know that many people have already been very generous in supporting the campaign."***
>
> — Christine Tutssel

"These matching challenges made a huge impact, spurring additional gifts and momentum in the community" said HHHSF Executive Director Melanie Klodt Wong. "I believe Christine & Rob's challenge will do the same and reach folks who haven't thought about us in the past. HHHS is working towards a brighter future and I am grateful that so many people are recognizing this project as the start of something positive."

The Here for You Campaign has exceeded the initial goal of $4,300,000 required to bring a CT Scanner and CT Mammography to the county, plus upgrade Ultrasound equipment and the image archiving system (PACS). The campaign has currently raised over $55,000,000.

"We can't say thank you enough to Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl for giving the campaign this huge boost at this time!" said volunteer Campaign Chair, Tayce Wakefield.

" Our Campaign Cabinet is an outstanding team of volunteers, some with deep roots locally and others who love spending their spare time on our lakes. When we first met, we asked 'what's our stretch target, if we can raise the necessary funds for the initial campaign?' When we heard that HHHS' x-ray suite is 12 years old and urgently needs to be replaced, we said we'd do our best to raise the additional funds required to do that, too," said Wakefield.

HHHSF Board Chair David Blodgett said, "Over 600 members of our community have contributed to this campaign so far. Thank you to every one of them! Every donation gets us closer to the diagnostic imaging equipment HHHS so urgently needs. My thanks also to our dedicated Campaign Cabinet, who are giving their time and experience to help us all."

The volunteer members of the Campaign Cabinet are Greg Bishop, Kurtis Bishop, David Blodgett, Michael Harrison, Peter Henry, Pat Kennedy, Klara Oyler, Keith Sjögren, Roger Trull, Tayce Wakefield and Dale Walker.

"Since its discovery over a century ago, X-ray technology remains an indispensable diagnostic imaging tool. We know we are behind in replacing our general x-ray equipment. According to the Canadian Association of Radiologists, our equipment should be replaced about every 10 years. More recently, we are experiencing an increase in repairs needed. We simply cannot be without. We sincerely appreciate how the community has united to raise the necessary funds," said HHHS CEO, Veronica Nelson.

For further information and how to contribute to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign, please contact Melanie Klodt Wong, Executive Director, HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 and check out our website at hhhs.ca/foundation.

Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl are matching gifts made to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign. /Submitted

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Home Hardware and PIE Education Founders sponsoring backpacks for children

Minden and Haliburton Home Hardware Building Centres owner Daniel Moulton are announcing the donation of 200 bags to families throughout Minden and Haliburton. Daniel Moulton has partnered with PIE Education since 2018 and is expanding his participation to families throughout Ontario.

For the past 15 years, the program has provided over 27,500 filled backpacks to children across Ontario. PIE Education is a community-oriented program aimed to support kids in government-subsidized housing and social service organizations, by supplying students with the necessary materials for educational success such as backpacks, pencil cases, paper, notebooks, rulers, crayons, and pens.

Alex Nuttall and Craig Russell came up with the idea for this program in 2012. As a child, Alex grew up in government-subsidized housing, and received assistance from people in the community at a young age. Alex sees PIE Education as an opportunity to give back to the people and programs that helped him in his youth. Craig was eager to create practical solutions to fight poverty and give back to the community. Through their dedication and fundraising activities such as the PIE Golf Tournament every July, the duo raises over $100,000 annually from generous sponsors and donors to purchase the supplies.

"We understand that economically, times are very challenging, and there is a significant increase in need from local families this year," said Moulton. "Our team at Home Hardware is grateful to be in a position to support our community, and we hope these resources will help guide children through their school year."

"We believe every child should have the confidence and tools to succeed in school, and without the help of our sponsors and donors, we wouldn't be able to provide this support year after year!" added Craig Russell. "We continue to hear from so many new organizations each year looking to join the program, which highlights the growing need in the area and encourages us to expand PIE Education."

"This is a huge honour to support the work that Dan and the Home Hardware teams are doing throughout the region," said Alex Nuttall. "Their care for people, especially the children who are at-risk is inspiring to say the least. Without the team, there would be 200 children returning to school without the necessary tools for success. Thank you, Dan, for having such a big heart and taking action in favour of our most vulnerable."

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Soup for you!

The Empty Bowls fundraiser held on Saturday was an overwhelming success. The funds raised during this event and from the tickets sold will be divided three ways to directly support the SIRCH Community Kitchen, 4Cs Food Bank, and Fuel for Warmth. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

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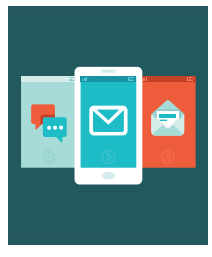

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650 OBITUARIES

Hendrik Van Nood

Resident of Haliburton

In loving memory of Hendrik van Nood, who passed away peacefully on Monday, September 16, 2024 at Extendicare in Haliburton. Hendrik was in his 96th year. Predeceased by his wife Rosa (2009). Loving father of Robert (Lesley English), Donald (Jane, predeceased) and Richard (Shelley). Proud Opa to Stuart (Christina), Andrew (Melanie), Daniel (Krista), Brandon (Lina), Brittney (Trevor), and Adam (Kim). Thrilled to be Overgrootvader to Jacob, Hannah, Quinn, and Charles. Predeceased by his brothers Maurits, Pieter, and Frans in Holland.

Henk lived through WW2 in Holland and served with the Dutch army in Indonesia before immigrating to Toronto, Canada in 1954. He arrived in Canada only knowing two people and speaking no English. Rosa followed shortly after. Summers were spent landscaping and winters driving an oil truck. The family moved to Haliburton in 1974, originally as co-owners of Deer Lodge and then owners of The Driftwood Restaurant, which they ran successfully for a number of years. After selling the restaurant Henk took up carpentry with Ron Sisson Contracting until his retirement.

When Rosa became unwell, he took on her care with a dedication second to none. When she moved into Extendicare, he became a full-time volunteer at Extendicare for many years up to and beyond her passing. His quick smile and twinkling eyes were a constant at Extendicare for 22 years.

As many can attest to, Henk loved his cards. Tuesday nights in West Guilford and later, Mondays at Park Lane Apartments. He instilled this love in his children and grandchildren. Christmas morning will be much quieter without his enthusiasm.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Please join the family at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday, September 23, 2024, for a funeral service beginning at 11:00 with visitation one hour prior. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers or the Park Lane Residence Council. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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650 OBITUARIES

David Cook

Resident of Algonquin Highlands

In Loving Memory of David (Dave) Bruce Cook. David passed away surrounded by his family on September 17th, 2024 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Survived by his loving partner and best friend Liz. Cherished father of Chris (Ashley), Mike, Courtney (Brandon), Dana (Scott), and Christopher (Faye.) Adored Grandpa (poppa) to; Edie, Alice, Keilan, Drey, Zayn, Lennon, Knox, and, Ada.

Beloved son of Viola and Bruce Cook (Predeceased.) Dear brother of Brenda (Dan), Marlene (Ron), and Allan (Hiedi.) Fondly Remembered and missed by his many nieces, nephews, and friends.

David worked very hard as a car painter for over 40 years at Curry Motors body shop. He loved camping, fishing, cooking, and taking naps with his French bulldog Gertie. David's family would like to express a very heartfelt thanks to Dr. Norm Bottum, Home and Community Care, HHHS – Palliative Care, and the nurses at the emergency ward at Haliburton Hospital. A very special thank you to Nurses Betty, Carol, Meghan, and Tracy. You are all amazing.

Private Funeral Arrangements

In keeping with David's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made in David's name to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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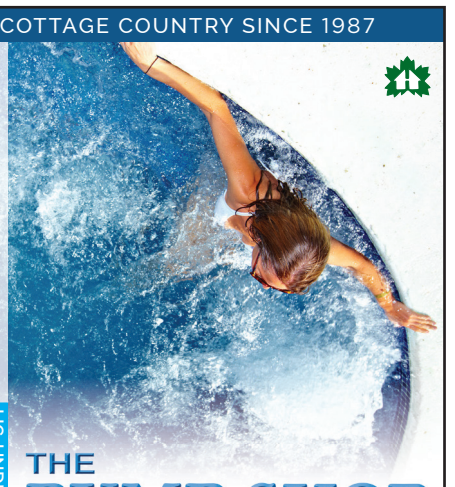

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Hazel Regan fulfills her goal of climbing mountain before she turned 60.
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Chainsaw art

Walter vanderWindt keeps a tradition alive at his Moore's Falls gallery
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Triathlon help

Upcoming meeting will help ensure continuation of popular sporting event
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May all of us follow your example and work as hard to guarantee a future for our past.

John Wadland in a letter to Carol Moffatt
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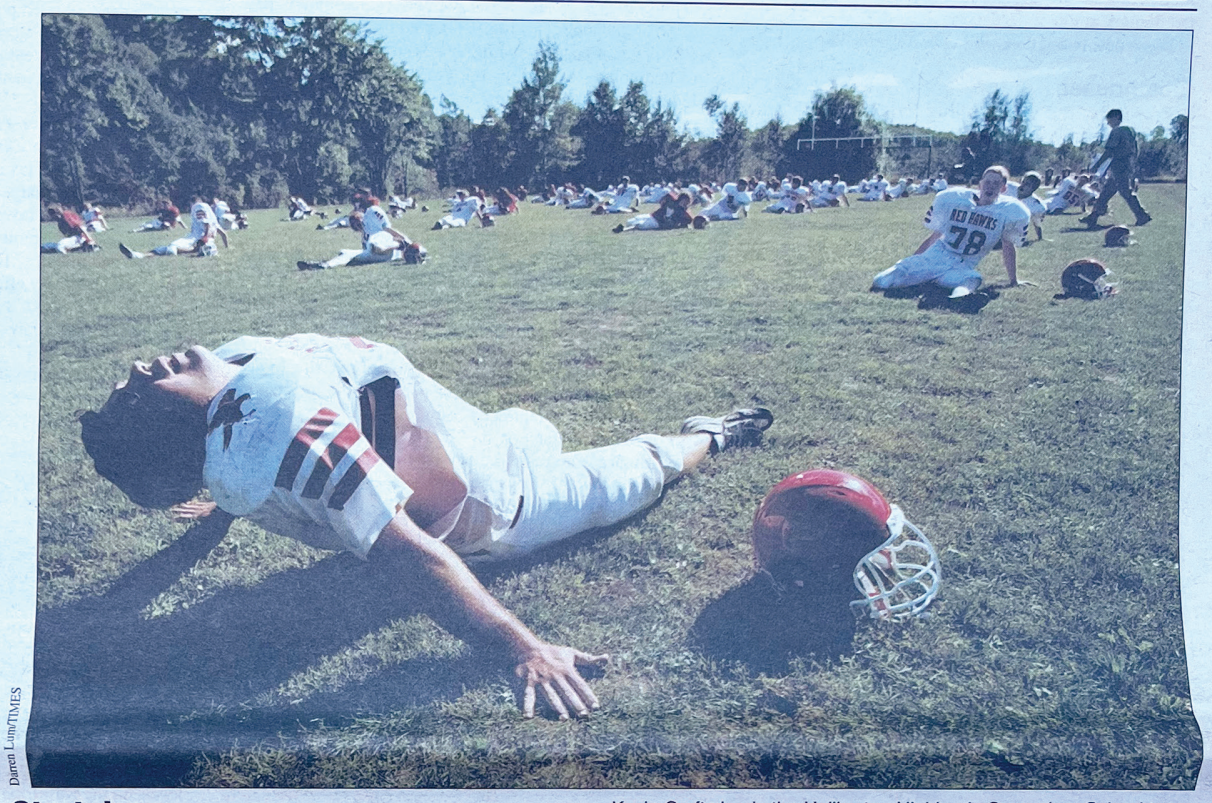

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Stretch

It's fall in the Highlands and that means football. Fifth-year senior Kevin Crofts leads the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School team in pre-season warmup drills at the Red Hawks' field in the first week of school. Story on page

Docks won't be left dry in proposed zoning bylaw

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The laws of the land are soon to be set. The date is fast approaching and Minden Hills' draft zoning bylaw has taken one more step towards completion.

Rick Hunter of Planscape, the firm hired to create the new zoning bylaw, presented council with updates to the bylaws at the general council meeting on September 8. He was also there to receive direction from council on certain key issues that will appear in the draft presented to the public at the public meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. in council chambers.

Docks

One of the more hotly debated topics in the draft zoning bylaw has been the regulation of dock lengths. Previously, the draft zoning bylaw would have allowed new docks on lakes to be built no longer than 10 metres. On rivers, the proposed length limit was six metres. Council would likely have passed variances in extenuating circumstances, such as shallow water entries, but prior to the September 8 meeting of council, no exceptions were written in the bylaw.

But variances were not good enough for councillors Ingram Wessell and Ron Buchanan. They felt that a 10 metre cap across the board was too restrictive and that the application for variances is not a guarantee that people will be able to create docks that suit their needs.

Councillor Buchanan wanted it worded in the bylaw that residents with shallow water entries would not have to resort to variance applications. He proposed including a qualifier into the bylaw that stipulated dock lengths

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Don't worry about webworms

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

What many have thought to be tent caterpillars are in fact fall webworms.

Bart Hilhorst, a forestry technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources, says that a lot of people have been confused about the two different species this fall.

"Webworms are quite visible this year," Hilhorst says, indicating a potential rise in the population. "It is natural for their numbers to go up and down."

Hilhorst also said that, in a webworm nest behind the Minden MNR building, he has noticed a parasite in the nest that seems to be feeding off the webworm eggs. This, too, is completely natural, he says.

While the nests may be more abundant this year than others, the fall webworm poses no threat to the trees in the area. Hilhorst says that the webworm mainly feeds on deciduous foliage that is dead or dying anyway at this time of year.

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